

AMERICAN LEGION SECTION

THE BONUS

Washington, D. C., June 1.—Business and financial interests in the United States, "who contributed least and profited most by the war," are flourishing a political pistol at congress and threatening to pull the trigger if that body passes the adjusted compensation bill for service men, according to Hanford McNider, national commander of the American Legion. The assertion was made in a statement issued by Mr. McNider denying that the Legion had any thought of "coercing congress."

"Enemies of the bill have declared that the Legion has uttered threats, that it has held a political pistol at the head of congress. Not the slightest proof of the truth of these statements has been attempted, which has been wise because not a vestige of such proof exists. "But now, a real effort to coerce congress reveals itself, and the effort is being made by the entrenched financial interests. These interests are flourishing the political pistol, and a gold plated one at that."

Mr. McNider made reference to the published threat of the financial interests of "Republican persuasion that if the Republican congress passes the veterans adjusted compensation bill there will be no contributions from that quarter to the Republican funds." In the words of one dispatch, the commander declared, "Big business has informed Chairman Adams of the Republican national committee that if congress passes the bonus, it may get some soldier votes, but it will lose the support of business."

"The American Legion has made a clean fight based on the merit, justice, equity and economic soundness of this legislation and not one scintilla of evidence has been produced to dispute these contentions," Mr. McNider said.

The Colorado state senate in extraordinary session has passed a resolution "regretting and deploring the delay in the United States senate in passing the adjusted compensation bill," copies of the resolution being received here by the Colorado members of congress and representatives of the Legion.

THOUSANDS FOR COOTIES

Norfolk, Va., June 1.—"Cooties are numerous on board the giant liner Leviathan, which has been brought to Newport News to undergo extensive repairs that will cost about \$8,000,000. An inspection of the ship disclosed the presence of many bugs on board."

The Leviathan did not undergo a delousing process after she completed the duty of bringing American soldiers from France. The big ship has been idle since the war and has been moored at her pier in Hoboken, N. J. American Legion members who were looking over their former transport home, say that the interior of the ship is in a rather unsanitary condition and "cooties" are nesting in various parts of the vessel.

The ship will have a vigorous cleansing before mechanics start repair work. The delousing process alone, it is said, will cost several thousand dollars. In addition, tons of disinfectant that will be used to make the vessel sanitary, it is proposed to pour live steam into every crack and crevice of the Leviathan to kill bugs and get rid of vermin.

Even the movie stars know how it feels, the American Legion of Minneapolis, Minn., reports. J. Warren Kerrigan of Hollywood has written the state bonus board of Minnesota asking that his \$285 war compensation be "hurried up and paid." Kerrigan enlisted as a buck private and was discharged a second lieutenant. —Minneapolis, June 1.

Nashville, Tenn., June 1.—Poor families in Nashville, Tenn., will be provided with ice this summer by Nashville Post, American Legion. The service men reported scores of indigent families unable to keep food and milk for babies during the sweltering weather.

Seattle, Wash., June 1.—On July Fourth, all persons in Seattle, who have reached the age of 21 during the preceding year will take a public oath of allegiance to the United States and the constitution, under the auspices of Washington University Post of the American Legion.

Washington, D. C., June 1.—The Distinguished Service Order of the American Legion has been conferred on Marshal Joffre of France, by Hanford McNider, commander, in Washington. The highest Legion decoration has been awarded only four other persons, one of them Marshal Foch.

Ottawa, June 1.—To find a solution for unemployment of Canadian

war veterans, the Great War Veterans Association, Dominion replica of the American Legion, has petitioned the government to summon a national economic conference.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 1.—One should eat snails to grow thin. Dean Ayer of Akron university gave the anti-fat remedy to an American Legion post, saying: "Follow the English custom, starting the meal with some nice juicy, squashy snails and you won't want anything more for a week."

Indianapolis, Ind., June 1.—Consolidation of all world war veteran organizations in Canada is being urged by Field Marshal Earl Haig. The American Legion has been informed service men of the British Empire have been so consolidated. Earl Haig reports.

Chicago, June 1.—Winnetka, exclusive suburb of Chicago, has turned the village jail into a garage for automobiles, and one of the cells is for rent. The elimination of crime is credited to the local American Legion post which formed a volunteer police force of 70 men.

Columbus, Ohio, June 1.—On the ground that "our greatest heroes probably are obscure soldiers whose names and deeds are unknown," the American Legion of Ohio has declined to comply with Governor Davis' request that it name the state's greatest hero.

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 1.—A women's shovel brigade will be mustered into service at Bartlesville, Okla., on Memorial Day. Women of the American Legion will themselves turn the sod and plant 1,500 young trees dedicated to world war soldiers.

Paris, France, June 1.—A woman in Tennessee who saw Marshal Foch while he was touring the United States under the auspices of the American Legion, has written the Marshal asking him to send her one of his worn out shirts. She wants to make an apron, she declares and would like to have it autographed.

Denver, Col., June 1.—As a measure of preparedness for another flood, American Legion men of Pueblo, are establishing two rescue stations outside the flood territory where ropes, boats and other equipment will be kept.

Boston, June 1.—On one of their regular tours of Boston hospitals, members of the American Legion and the Harvard Glee Club stopped at the bed of a soldier who was dying. The question of whether or not the collegians should sing was answered by the veteran, "Sure, it will be a happy memory to carry across with me."

St. Louis, Mo., June 1.—About a month ago forty St. Louis men bought pages of newspaper advertising to announce their opposition to adjusted compensation, adding that they were world war veterans. Missouri is paying state war bonus, however, and the American Legion distributing bonus application blanks, found that these men were among the first to apply for the state compensation.

Seattle, Wash., June 1.—If Seattle young men become seafast at club meetings, they will have an honest ship. An American Legion post has bought one of the U. S. Shipping Board's wooden hulls, moored it to a dock and will use it as a Legion club house.

Birmingham, Ala., June 1.—One of the most novel stunts in jurisprudence took place at a mock trial conducted by the American Legion at Birmingham, and presided over by Judge H. B. Abernathy, nationally known jurist, to instruct new citizens. The tallsmen were six service men, none of whom spoke English, and six Birmingham girls.

TOMAS LOSANO, WANTED

Tomas Losano, Uncle Sam is looking for you. And his reason is, he wants to slip you some change. When you joined Co. I of the First Hawaiian Infantry they gave you a dog tag with No. 3,558,179 on it and you made an allotment to your wife so she would not have to miss the movies while you were away. Your home address was given as Mana, Kauai, and Uncle Sam did his best to get the money to your wahine, but she was too busy knitting to go to the post office after it. Consequently you have a nice piece of change waiting for you to claim. Tell any member of the American Legion that you were the bird who wore the dog tag No. 3,558,179 and he will get in touch with the United States Veterans' Bureau and you'll get the money.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

We have been criticized—badly at that. A young flapper said to us: "Why don't you put more pep into your column? Why don't you run it like a real paper and have departments headed the same way every week so I could turn to them and know I was going to read something good without having to wade thru all the other stuff."

"But, child, I wouldn't be on Kauai, if I could do that."

She didn't obtain me at all, and pouted, and since it was very pretty pout it was necessary that I humor her.

"You mean that I should run a weekly department of new cooking receipts?"

"Certainly not," she replied, "do think I got married to cook?"

And with that she left me. In the future we will run two regular departments in the American Legion section, the first will be headed:

"MY BABY SAID"

Since the editor hasn't many baby troubles it is obvious that he can't furnish much material under this heading so it's up to our readers to help us out. Youngsters say clever things these days and we want you send in some of their bright sayings. Proper remuneration will be made if your contribution is clever. As a starter, the following is submitted:

"The other evening when I walked into the house, my baby met me at the door and said: 'Hello, Daddy! Going to take me to the movies tonight? Wait until I wash my face and knees!'"

Awful clever thing for a baby to say, she has bobbed hair, rolls her own and is just twenty.

MY FIRST PROPOSAL

We will pay for acceptable material submitted to us under this heading. The school teaching fraternity ought to make a lot of money by contributing to this column. Now that the crop is almost pau and they are about to leave our midst none of them should hesitate in telling the world how they made him come across. We will of course keep your name out of print if desired, but remember, the emancipation of women is being rapidly effected—a few years ago long hair and long dresses but whoever heard of a woman being tripped up by her skirts in this day or age? We will respect your wishes and not publish your name, but if you succeed in getting a very difficult proposal you ought to get the credit for it.

Miss Blank, of Blank school, has handed in the following:

"It is my first proposal, that is, the first one of this season, and I prize this scalp very highly, because Jane, she taught here last year, you know, said he was absolutely immune. Of course I wouldn't have been interested if it wasn't for the fact that he had a nice little Overland. We met at a dance at the school cottage. All of the other girls were gushing over him but I sat in the corner and said nothing, and only smiled every time he looked in my direction. Later in the evening when he was out on the lanai smoking, I had an opportunity to speak to him alone, I asked him to tell me about his work, that I knew it was so interesting. He would have talked for hours but I shut him up because there was something more he should know before I could feel that he was out of the clutches of the other girls. I told him how I yearned for the platonic friendship of some real man. I smiled sadly when I said this. He felt safe then.

A few nights later when we were

walking on the beach, I turned my ankle—not badly you know—and as I stumbled he caught me in his arms. I cried: 'Oh Bill, I knew you loved me,' and I explained that he was the only one I loved and how happy we were going to be together and we must keep our engagement secret."

That was my first Kanai proposal. We were very happy and would still be going together if Harry hadn't come along. Harry had a Buick.

OUR JOKE COLUMN

Don't Know

Customer—Are you showing your spring lingerie?

New Clerk (not very comfortable)—I hope not, ma'am.—Pelican.

Hold 'Em

Alberta—How do you like Ethel's prom. gown?

Albert—I can't tell until I see her get up from the table.—Voo-Doo.

Him—Will you share your lot with me, my love?

Her—Yes, dear, if you have enough money to build a house on it.—Sun Dial.

Whatever trouble Adam had.

No man in days of yore.

Could say when he had told a joke: "I've heard that one before."

—Burr.

Not a Chance to Die

Corinne—You're not heroic at all. You were in the navy all during the war.

Bob—But we were attacked many times.

Corinne—Yes, and every one of you had on one of those life preservers.—Chaparral.

Difference of Opinion

Girl Watching Aeronaut—Oh, I'd hate to be coming down with that parachute.

Mere Man—I'd hate to be coming down without it.—Chaparral.

Rouge

Your eyes are like unto the rays

Of Luna's brilliant form;

Your hair is touched with radiance

Like sunset after storm;

Your face, enticing, bids me love—

But I'd not kiss in haste,

For I can see your lips are rouged

And I can't stand the taste.—Dirge.

She—Go over and tell John I can't dance with him, that I've a headache.

He—I won't let you use the minks to defraud.—Octopus.

An Orphan

"Say, waiter, is this an incubator chicken? It tastes like it?"

"I don't know, sir."

"It must be. Any chicken that has had a mother could never get as tough as this one is."—Wampus.

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